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SUBJECT: RESOURCES FOR POPULATION ASSISTANCE

1. WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS REVEAL CLEARLY THAT IN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL NEED TO GIVE GREATER ATTENTION TO IMPACT OF POPULATION GROWTH AND THAT THIS WILL REQUIRE INCREASED RESOURCES PRINCIPALLY FROM NATIONAL BUDGETS, BUT ALSO FROM DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. SOME MEASURE OF THE SCOPE OF THESE INCREASES IS SUGGESTED IN STATEMENT TO WPC BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES IN WHICH HE REVEALS THAT REQUESTS FOR UNFPA ASSISTANCE HAVE INCREASED FROM \$300 TO \$500 MILLION FOR THE PERIOD 1974-1977.

2. AT WPC, THE U.S. TOOK POSITION PUBLICLY THAT WE WOULD GLADLY JOIN OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY NEWLY WEALTHY COUNTRIES IN SEEKING STEADILY INCREASED FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE TO PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR DEALING WITH POPULATION GROWTH AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE AND APPLAUD INCREASED FUNDING FOR POPULATION ASSISTANCE 1971-1973, PARTICULARLY THROUGH UNFPA, BY COUNTRIES SUCH AS CANADA, DENMARK, GERMANY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SWEDEN, THE U.K.

3. NEED NOW IS FOR MAXIMUM DONOR COLLABORATION TO MEASURE NEW REQUIREMENTS AND TO PLAN FUNDING THAT WILL MOST EFFECTIVELY MEET THEM. TO THIS END, WE ARE CONSIDERING INITIATIVES TO TAKE AT FORTHCOMING HIGH LEVEL DAC MEETING OR OTHER SIMILAR FORUM, IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. TO ASSIST OUR CONSIDERATION AND TO LAY THE BASIS FOR LONG-TERM EXCHANGES, ACTION POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO DISCUSS WITH OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN OFFICE, FINANCE MINISTRY AND/OR OTHER AGENCIES, THE GENERAL DIRECTION AND SCALE (AND WHETHER INCREASING OR DECREASING) OF PLANNED ASSISTANCE FOR POPULATION PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; ALSO AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

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WE WILL WELCOME INDICATIONS OF INTENTION TO MOVE TOWARD ASSISTANCE FOR INTEGRATED APPROACHES THAT INCLUDE ASSISTANCE TO POPULATION PROGRAMS WITH DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS OR WITH FOOD OR NUTRITION PROJECTS. WE ARE INTERESTED IN LEVELS OF FUNDING PROPOSED AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH FUNDING IS INTENDED.

5. THESE DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE CONDUCTED IN THE CONTEXT OF

CATEGORIES FOR ASSISTANCE AS DEFINED BY THE DAC:

A. DEMOGRAPHY -- ASSISTANCE TO DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEYS AND CENSUS WORK AS WELL AS THE INTERPRETATION AND PRESENTATION THEREOF.

B. FAMILY PLANNING -- ASSISTANCE TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FAMILY PLANNING DELIVERY SYSTEMS, INCLUDING CONTRACEPTIVE SUPPLIES AND CLINICAL EQUIPMENT.

C. BIO-MEDICAL RESEARCH -- ACTIVITIES CONCERNED WITH THE PHYSIOLOGY OF HUMAN REPRODUCTION AND ITS PRACTICAL APPLICATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF IMPROVED FERTILITY CONTROL.

D. SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION -- ATTITUDES, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, RELIGIOUS, AFFECTING POPULATION GROWTH. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE BUDGET FIGURES FOR 1973, 1974 AND PROJECTIONS FOR 1975 AND BEYOND.

6. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO LEARN IF IT IS PLANNED TO PROVIDE THE PROPOSED ASSISTANCE THROUGH BILATERAL, MULTILATERAL (E.G., UNFPA) OR NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION CHANNELS. INDICATION OF TRENDS TOWARD GREATER OR LESSER UTILIZATION OF ONE OR ANOTHER CHANNEL WOULD BE USEFUL.

7. ANOTHER IMPORTANT QUESTION IS THE MATTER OF OBTAINING MUCH GREATER PARTICIPATION IN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES BY NEWLY WEALTHY COUNTRIES. AT WPC, INDONESIAN (ALTHOUGH NOT IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS OIL-RICH KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA) AND IRANIAN DELEGATIONS ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO UNFPA. WE WILL WELCOME SUGGESTIONS ON THIS MATTER.

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